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1. The Jachymov uranium mines are under Soviet administration and produce ore which is exported to the USSR. The following are mines in the Jachymov area: Bratrstvi, Rovnost, Elias, Nikolaj, Eduard, Josef, Vaclav, Marianska, Ivan, Tobias and Frantisek. Although the output of these mines differed according to deposit locations, the exploitation methods were the same in all of them. 50X1
2. The largest of these mines and the best equipped (with ore crushers, washers etc) was Bratrstvi. This mine employed approximately 3,000 workers in three shifts. The buildings for this mine were completed in August 1951. (A): Sketch of the Bratrstvi Mine and Sorting Plant, with Legend, 50X1  
The Bratrstvi mine had its own sorting plant, which was used by the other mines lacking a sorter of their own. After sorting in the Bratrstvi mine, ore was taken to the Dolni Brand (Zdary) railway station. 50X1
3. Ore was sorted according to quality and placed in sheet metal barrels of 50 to 65 kg capacity each. The ore quality of each group of barrels stored in front of the sorting plant was noted on black boards. Such numbers as ST - 345/4, ST - 345/5 were ones most frequently observed. Loading was under the supervision of a Soviet official (fnu) Bukalov, who recorded numbers and truck weights before the ore went to Dolni Brand. 50X1
4. A full freight train of 20 cars was loaded every two weeks in Dolni Brand. Each car contained 10 thousand kg of uranium ore; thus 200 thousand kg of ore was shipped out every two weeks. Trains were routed through the Soviet Zone of Germany to Dresden. It was believed that, en route to their ultimate destination, more cars were added with ore from Saxony. All freight trains carried Soviet soldiers, fully equipped with field kitchens on the trains.
5. Every three months the best ore was sent to a storage area at Komarno in Slovakia. The ore sent to this area was of the best quality, packed in the mines, and which came directly from the mines rather than from the sorters. 50X1
6. A convoy consisted of approximately six or eight trucks (Tatra III, ten-ton trailer trucks). A truck carried 20 tons of uranium and for one

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of the three month periods a total of 1,400 tons of ore was carried to the storage area. There the ore was stored in an open space of an elliptical shape, 600 m long and 500 m wide. All ore was under camouflage which consisted of a wire net fixed 50X1 on wooden poles to a height of three m. The net was covered with grass, affording complete camouflage.

it was trucked to the Donay river and put on boats.

7. The highest wage of a miner engaged in underground work was approximately 8,000 crowns per month; the lowest average wage was 3,000 crowns per month.

8. The storehouses of the Jachymov uranium mine were as follows:

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- (a) Storehouses in the directorate building in Jachymov. There were stored there such things as electrical equipment, electric motors, auto parts, furniture, rubber clothes, shoes and various textiles.
- (b) A warehouse in Dolni Brand. Steel and iron bars, chains, oil, greases, wool for cleaning machines etc were stored there.
- (c) Another warehouse called "Kravin" in Dolni Brand. In this one was stored mining tools, building material, crow bars, saws, files, pliers, chisels, hammers, nails bolts etc.
- (d) A storehouse in the neighborhood of the church in Jachymov. There food and meats were kept; a meat supply arrived once a month from the refrigerators in Litomerice.
- (e) A storehouse for coal in the town of Ostrov. This supplied the coal for the various mines.

9. The Jachymov mines had approximately 375 trucks of various makes and with capacities of one and one-half to 10 tons. There were twenty five auto buses. All the vehicles were in good condition, serviced in the mine workshops. There were about 100 passenger cars of various types. New garages for passenger cars and trucks were respectively built in 1949 and 1951.

10. The Jachymov mines were guarded by the National Security Corps (SNB) and uniformed Soviet soldiers. These units were accommodated in hotels or wooden barracks. The Soviet soldiers had their own school and movie theatre.

11. Admission to the mines was possible only with a special permit issued by the directorate of the Jachymov mines. These permits were issued in three categories, as follows:

- (a) A yellow permit with a photograph of the holder. This permit was a temporary one, could be folded and was issued to new employees.
- (b) A yellow permit with a photograph of the holder, a card in a celluloid case.
- (c) A yellow card in a metal frame and celluloid case. This permit was issued only to such persons who had been in the mines for a long period of time. With this card holders were permitted to enter all uranium mines within the jurisdiction of the Jachymov uranium mine directorate.

12. The convoys to Slovakia were heavily guarded. A Soviet ZIS car preceded and carried a Soviet driver and two officers in uniform. Following came a military vehicle with six Soviet soldiers armed with submachine guns. There was, in addition, a soldier in each truck.

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13. members of the staff of the directorate in Jachymov:

- (a) (fnu) Komnagin, a Soviet
- (b) Ilona Kopecikova, a Soviet female, administrator and chief of the chemical laboratory.
- (c) (fnu) Budalov, a Soviet and chief of the Bratrstvi mine
- (d) (fnu) Krasnov, an engineer and chief of transportation
- (e) Jan Balcar, a Czech and deputy to Krasnov
- (f) (fnu) Sedlacek, a Czech and garage foreman but he was also chairman of the plant organization of the CP

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- (g) (fnu) Hanzlicek, chief of cadres in charge of employee screening
- (h) (fnu) Kravchenko, a Soviet, cadre officer for the transport division

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of the Bratrstvi Mine and Sorting Plant, With Legend

(B): Sketch of Kadan, With Legend

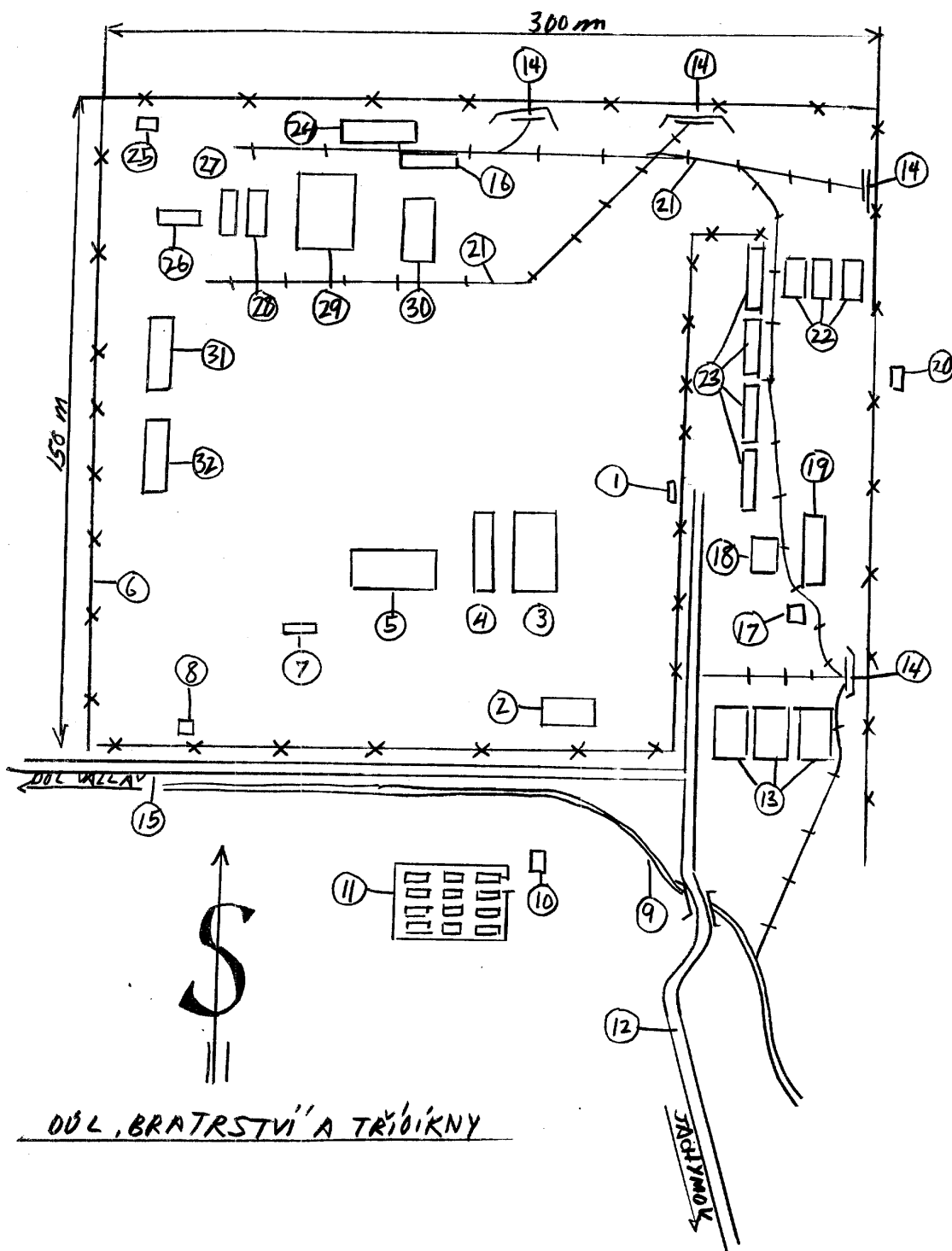
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(C): Sketch of Railway Station and Storehouse in Dolni Brand, With Legend

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SKETCH OF THE BRATRSTVI MINE AND SORTING PLANT, WITH LEGEND



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- 1... Bratrstvi mine main entrance and gatekeepers' lodge, a wooden barrack, 5 x 3 m; the entrance was guarded by one Soviet soldier and a member of the National Security Corps (SNB).
- 2... Storehouse for electrical equipment, material and for various miners' tools, a one-story brick building, 15 x 6 m.
- 3... A new steel, concrete and brick three-story building, 30 x 15 m, with large windows. The construction of this building was completed in the spring of 1951.
- 4... A three-story, brick building, 30 x 10 m, with a tile roof. On the ground floor are wash rooms and storage space for mine lamps. Administrative offices are on the second and third floor.
- 5... Main storehouse for uranium ore; this is a wooden shed on a concrete foundation, 30 x 15 m, with a tar paper roof.
- 6... A wire net fence on wooden poles; the height of the fence is two and one-half m.
- 7... A one-story, brick building, 7 x 3 m, serving as a laboratory for the testing of uranium ore. Admission is strictly limited.
- 8... A watch tower with permanent day and night guards.
- 9... Creek, approximately one m in width.
- 10... Guard room, a one-story wooden barrack, 5 x 15 m. The guards were members of the National Security Corps (SNB) and guard the forced labor camp.
- 11... Forced labor camp of two one-story wooden barracks enclosed by a barbed wire fence. The fence is approximately two and one-half m high and the number of prisoners is approximately three hundred.
- 12... District highway from Jachymov to the Bratrstvi mine; the highway is steam-rolled and approximately four m in width.
- 13... Three tile roofed two-story buildings, finished in the spring of 1951. In these buildings are the crushers for uranium ore, a sorting and washing plant.
- 14... Ore pits
- 15... Road leading to the Vaclav mine
- 16... One-story wooden barrack, 5 x 10 m, with compressors (sic).
- 17... Large scale for truck weighing. Here the uranium ore which is loaded on trucks is weighed and transported to the railway station in Dolni Brand.
- 18... Uranium ore storehouse, a wooden shed on a concrete foundation.
- 19... Uranium ore storehouse, a wooden shed, 2 x 6 m, on a concrete foundation one m high
- 20... Watch tower, same as that under point 8.
- 21... Bratrstvi mine narrow gauge railway.
- 22... Three one-story buildings containing crushers, washers and sorters.
- 23... One-story wooden house, 30 x 8 m, with a tar paper roof. The Soviet soldiers and members of the SNB are accommodated in the building.
- 24... Locksmith's workshop, 25 x 8 m, a one-story brick building with a tile roof.
- 25... Watch tower, same as point 8.
- 26... One-story wooden barrack, 10 x 7 m, with a tar paper roof. Here were the offices for the Soviet officers supervising the ore exploitation.
- 27... Not identified /Note [ ] these are probably barracks as under point 26/ 50X1
- 28... Not identified, as under point 27.
- 29... Two-story wooden building, 25 x 15 m, containing washers for the ore.
- 30... Electrical workshop and transformers for the Bratrstvi mine, a one-story brick building, 15 x 8 m, with a tile roof.
- 31... One-story wooden barrack, 8 x 20 m, with a tar paper roof; here the ore was examined and tested.
- 32... Same as point 31.

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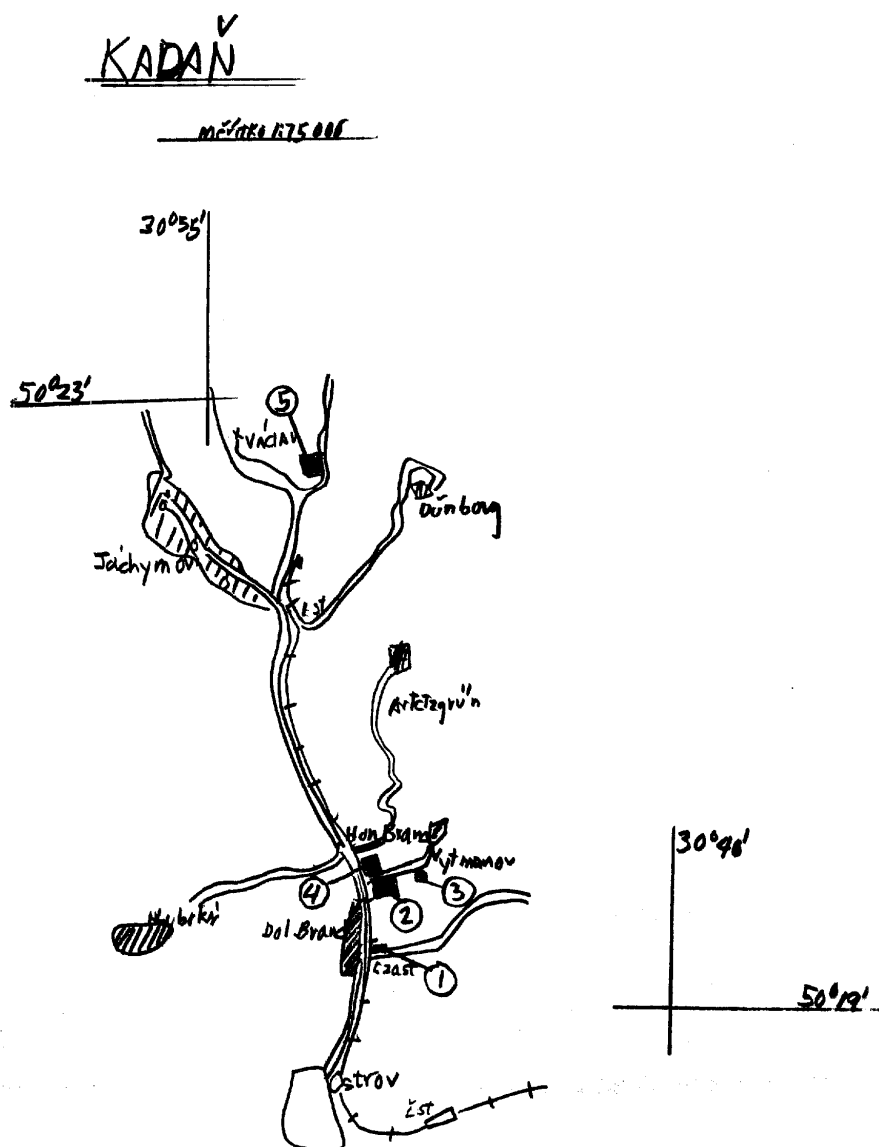
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SKETCH OF KADAN, WITH LEGEND

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## Legend

- 1... Railway station of the Czechoslovak State Railroads in Dolni Brand
- 2... Freight station of the Jachymov Uranium Mines, in Jachymov. This was a newly built station.
- 3... Forced labor camp in Vyškov
- 4... Garages and workshops of the Jachymov Uranium Mines; both buildings were newly built.
- 5... Bratrstvi mine and sorting plant.

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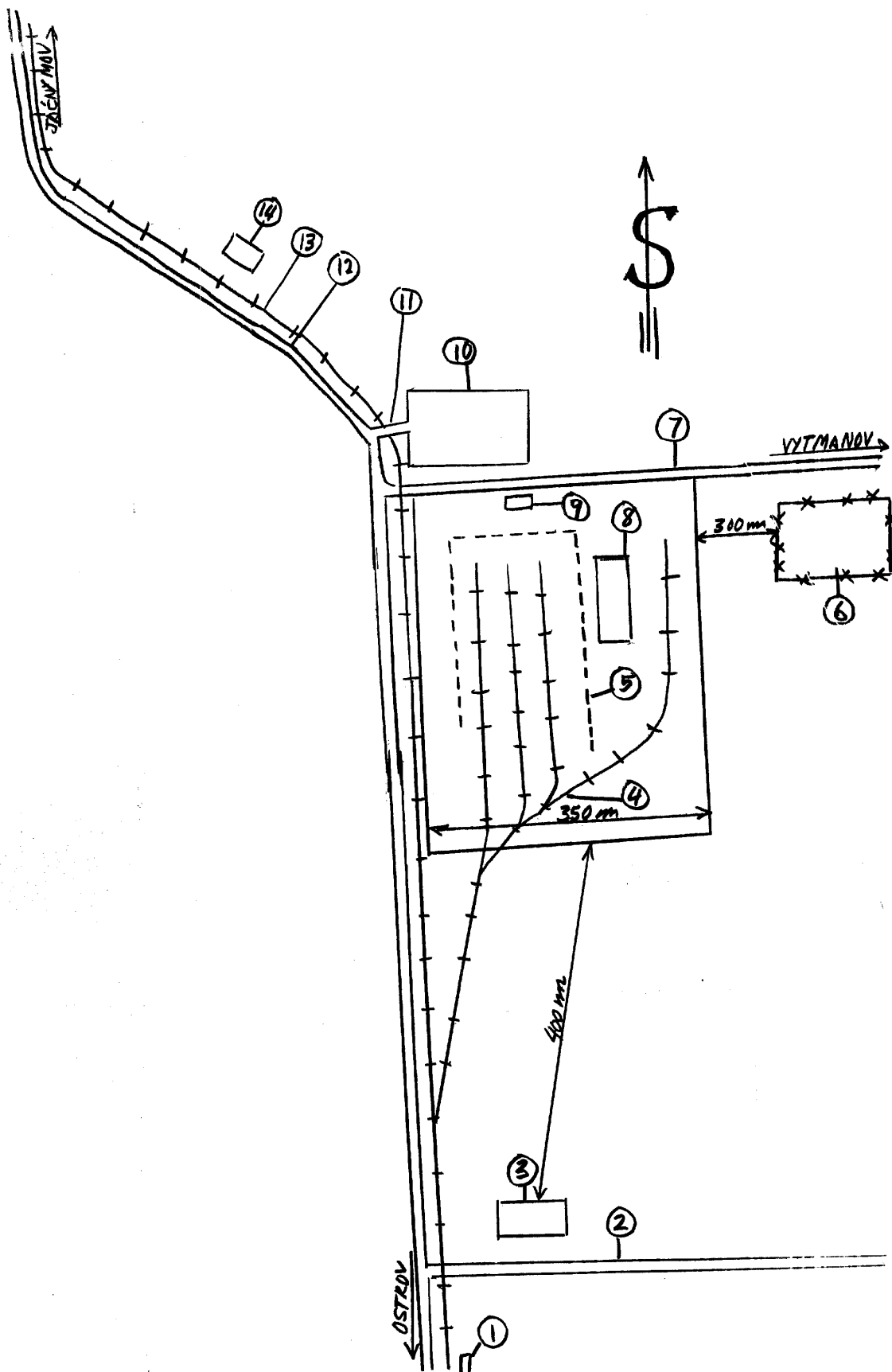
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SKETCH OF RAILWAY STATION AND STOREHOUSE IN DOLNI BRAND, WITH LEGEND

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## Legend

- 1... Dolni Brand railway station
- 2... Chomutov state highway - Karlovy Vary, made of asphalt
- 3... Main storehouse (called "Kravin") in Dolni Brand, This was a three-story building, 20 x 45 m, brick and covered with a tile roof.
- 4... Railway track to the freight station. The rails lie three m lower than the surface and are camouflaged so that the freight cars are invisible. There are concrete reloading platforms by the track.
- 5... Barbed wire fence enclosing the railway track; the wire is fixed on concrete poles.
- 6... Forced labor camp in Vykmamov; the camp consists of several wooden barracks enclosed by barbed wire and the area is approximately 600 x 600 m.
- 7... District road to Vykmamov, steam rolled.
- 8... Storehouse for uranium ore, a one-story brick building
- 9... Offices of the railway administration, a one-story wooden barrack, 20 x 6 m, with a tile roof.
- 10... Main garages for trucks and also the main workshops for the mines, a brick building, 600 x 600 m.
- 11... Road to the garages
- 12... Asphalt highway to Jachymov
- 13... Railway line of the Czechoslovak State Railroads, Ostrov - Jachymov.
- 14... Storehouse in Horni Brand

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